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Tripoli radio viewed the events at the Libyan People's Bureau in London as a "horrible terrorist action" by the British Government, claiming that British police "stormed" the Bureau and opened fire on its members, thereby forcing those inside to "defend themselves." A Foreign Liaison Bureau statement carried by JANA blamed British authorities for permitting "hostile elements" to demonstrate outside the Bureau, accused them of provocations and hostile actions against Libyans in the People's Bureau and elsewhere in Britain, and warned that British police are preparing to capture the Bureau, an act which will "not pass without reply" from the Libyan people. In a related commentary, Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio denied that Libya was responsible for the "explosions which shook London" and said the "attack" on the People's Bureau was an "extremely bitter insult" which the Libyan people will avenge by exerting pressure on the "open wounds in the sick British body."

Lebanon

Lebanese-Syrian Summit — President Amin al-Jumayyil has accepted Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad's invitation to visit Damascus for a summit meeting on 19 April, Beirut radio announced. Al-Asad's invitation came after Syrian officials reached agreement with Lebanese opposition representatives over the issues to be discussed, the radio noted. Earlier, in a cable to Al-Asad on the occasion of Syria's national day, Al-Jumayyil stressed the importance of continuing to strengthen bilateral relations, Voice of Lebanon radio reported.

In other political developments, Radio Monte Carlo cited reports that Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt's recent talks in Damascus with Libyan Staff Major 'Abd as-Salam Jallud failed to reconcile the PSP leader and Libyan-backed Al-Murabitun leader Ibrahim Qulaylat. Meanwhile, the PSP's clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio alleged that Israeli Foreign Ministry Director General David Kimche visited East Beirut last week for talks with Phalangist political and military officials.

Military/Security Situation — Both Voice of the Mountain and the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported intermittent clashes on the contact lines in and around Beirut on 17 April. Meanwhile, French and Lebanese observers replaced gunmen in vantage points on the Al-Murr and Rizq Tower buildings in Beirut, according to the Voice of Lebanon. Damascus radio reported that Israeli forces are making military preparations in the Al-Biqa' valley which "observers" view as a prelude to an attack on the Syrians.

Iran-Iraq War

The Iraqi Navy and Navy air units destroyed two large "naval targets" between Bushehr and Khark Island early on 18 April, a military spokesman announced in a statement broadcast by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio.

PLO Affairs

PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir arrived in Algiers to head the Fatah delegation in talks with PFLP and DFLP representatives, Algiers radio reported. In Rabat Fatah Central Committee member Mahmud 'Abbas said Fatah is ready to discuss the "forthcoming formula" for the PLO Executive Committee with "all" except PFLP-General Command leader Ahmad Jibril and the Fatah dissidents, according to KUNA. The quadripartite alliance of the PFLP, DFLP, Palestinian Liberation Front, and the Palestinian Communist Party has submitted a "national salvation program" to Fatah calling for a broad front within the PLO aimed at maintaining the organization's unity and confronting "capitulatory" methods, the *JORDAN TIMES* revealed. PFLP spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif told the newspaper that the program is intended to prevent the PLO from endorsing schemes that contradict its nationalist goals. He also indicated that the PFLP and DFLP intend to strengthen their political position by escalating military operations against Israel.

Saudi Arabia

An official source, in a statement reported by SPA, accused the Western press of distorting the truth regarding the Saudi ambassador to Washington's recent banquet which was attended by the Soviet ambassador. There was "no directing or planning in the matter as imagined by some writers," the official stressed, and the Soviet ambassador has attended receptions given by the Saudi Embassy on previous occasions.

Afghanistan

Protest to Pakistan — The DRA Government, in a Foreign Ministry note to Pakistan reported by BAKHTAR, condemned Pakistan's alleged detention of 37 Afghan officials seized in an attack on a DRA customs post last December by "bandits and foreign mercenaries supported by Pakistani border units."

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Fatah Central Committee Concludes Tunis Meetings

JN151731 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1618 GMT 15 Apr 84

[Text] In the presence of brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat], the Fatah Central Committee concluded a meeting in Tunis yesterday. The meeting evaluated the meeting that recently took place in Aden between a Fatah Central Committee delegation and the brother PDRY officials regarding the dialogue with the PFLP and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine [DFLP].

The Fatah Central Committee delegation was also formed to participate in a meeting scheduled to be held in Algiers on 18 April. Representatives of the PFLP, DFLP, Algeria, the PDRY, and the Lebanese Nationalist Movement will attend this meeting. The Fatah movement delegation will comprise Brothers Abu Jihad [Khalil al-Wazir], Abu al-Hawl [Hayil 'Abd al-Hamid], and Hani al-Hasan, members of the Fatah Central Committee; Sakhr Abu Nizar, secretary of the Fatah Revolutionary Council; and 'Abbas Zaki, member of the Fatah Revolutionary Council.

The meeting also dealt with the visit a Fatah Central Committee delegation is scheduled to pay to Moscow at the end of April, and the agenda for talks with the Soviet officials.

The Fatah Central Committee also discussed the meetings of the Jerusalem Committee. A Palestinian delegation led by Brother Abu 'Ammar will attend these meetings to be held in Fes on 19 April to discuss the dangers and threats against the holy city.

WAFA Announcement on Algiers Meeting

JN150729 Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic 0500 GMT 15 Apr 84

[Text] WAFA has announced that a tripartite meeting of Fatah, the PFLP, and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine [DFLP] representatives will be held in Algiers on 18 April. Several contacts were made recently, particularly in Algeria, to prepare for this tripartite meeting which some wanted to be a summit meeting between Yasir 'Arafat, George Habash, and Nayif Hawatimah. However, it seems that this meeting will be restricted to representatives of the three organizations.

WAFA said yesterday that the Fatah Central Committee met in Tunis under Yasir 'Arafat and entrusted Khalil al-Wazir, alias Abu Jihad; Hani al-Hasan; Abu al-Hawl [Hayil 'Abd al-Hamid]; and Sakhr Abu Nizar to represent Fatah at the meeting.

A source for the joint command of the PFLP and DFLP announced in Damascus yesterday that the contacts made were not preparatory to a summit meeting between 'Arafat, Habash, and Hawatimah, but to a tripartite meeting of the three organizations' representatives.

Reportage on Al-Wazir Statements

AL-QABAS Interview

GF151946 Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic 14 Apr 84 p 21

[Excerpts] Amman — Mr Abu Jihad (Khalid Al-Wazir) announced in a statement made to *AL-QABAS* in Amman that the PNC will be convened no later than the start of next month in order to choose representatives to replace those who reject the invitation to a dialogue to unite the Palestinian stand under the PLO and within the Executive Committee and the PNC.

Mr Abu Jihad continued: "We have continued to pursue the policy of patience and dealing with these campaigns openmindedly, but we stressed during our meetings with the brothers in Aden that we will not remain patient for very long toward the policy of foiling Palestinian meetings and obstructing PNC activities. Many months have passed while we were trying to reach something, but we have always been confronted with the attempts of continuing postponement. We believe that this serves none but the plot aimed at destroying the PLO institution for the benefit of the new Palestinian organization.

Thus, we said the Yemeni brothers should convey to these parties our viewpoint—that we will not forbear any more because of the Central Committee meeting between 15 and 20 April in Tunis when we will define our final stand on convening the PNC and on the time and place of the meeting.

We wish these brothers to realize the necessity of quickly convening the PNC and surpassing the policy of dissolving the issue. If they have the readiness to meet to prepare for the PNC, we welcome the meeting any time and anywhere; in Aden or in Algeria. We must discuss convening the PNC as quickly as possible to maintain this institution and to not obstruct the PLO's legitimacy. If they hesitate and do not answer us and continue their policy of postponement, we will choose a number of necessary alternatives so that time is not wasted and delays do not continue.

One of these alternatives, for instance, is to quickly hold a wide popular conference to be attended by no less than 5,000 Palestinians to choose replacements for those who fail to attend the PNC meetings and fail to participate in the dialogue. This is not a threat, nor is it blackmail but the logic of the truth which states the PLO march should not be stopped by any obstacle. We have to date been waiting for their answer, but have received nothing so far.

Statement to AD-DUSTUR

JN141230 Amman AD-DUSTUR in Arabic 14 Apr 84 p 11

[Dispatch by Tawfiq 'Abid and Muhammad al-Majali]

[Text] Khalil al-Wazir, alias Abu Jihad, deputy commander in chief of the Palestinian revolution forces, has stated there have been intensified contacts with brothers in the PFLP, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine [DFLP], the ALF,

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Karami Statement — Rashid Karami accepted the task of forming a government of national unity and called upon the Lebanese to set their weapons aside and to pool their efforts to rebuild the country, according to a statement broadcast by Beirut radio. Karami indicated that the main points of the government's program were the liberation of the south, political reform, and security for all. He said the issue of the Army would be taken up after the new cabinet is formed.

Reaction — The Lebanese national forces have full confidence in the prime minister-designate, according to a "nationalist source" cited by the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio, whereas the Free Christian group declared that Karami's designation has "shattered all the hopes" of rebuilding state institutions and termed Karami the person most responsible for the situation in Lebanon, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported.

Libya

Thirty members of the British diplomatic community in Libya, wives and children of British diplomats, flew out of Tripoli as 140 Libyans not involved in the People's Bureau siege left London, the LONDON PRESS ASSOCIATION reported. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher sent a message to Pakistani President Ziaul Haq asking him to use his influence in the crisis with Libya, according to Karachi radio.

A report broadcast by Tripoli radio claimed that the Arab League informed the British Government that it considers its stance regarding the Libyan People's Bureau "unfriendly" and "disserving Arab-British cooperation" and warned that any violation of the Bureau by the British Government would adversely affect Arab-British relations.

Iran

Opponents of the regime invaded Iranian diplomatic missions and other establishments in various European capitals in an apparently coordinated action, DPA reported. These included the Consulate in London, the Embassy in The Hague, the UNESCO mission in Paris, and the Iranair office in Frankfurt. A LONDON PRESS ASSOCIATION report disclosed that 11 Iranian students were "ejected" from the London Consulate by staff members after they forced their way into the building. In The Hague the Iranian ambassador was wounded, according to AFP, when an "unidentified group" briefly occupied the embassy.

The Foreign Ministry, in a statement reported by IRNA, charged that the United States had instigated "terroristic attacks" against Iranian missions in an attempt to mar the recent Majlis elections. The statement criticized the "irresponsible attitude" of the Dutch police and called on foreign governments to live up to their responsibilities regarding the protection of diplomatic missions, asserting that they could otherwise be accused of "complicity with counterrevolutionary elements."

Iraq

Iraq and the USSR concluded an agreement on economic, technical, and trade cooperation, INA announced. The agreement was signed by Foreign Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan and Ivan Arkhipov, first deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, who described it as a "big push" in cooperation between the two countries, the agency reported. Speaking to INA after his return to Baghdad, Ramadan emphasized the Soviet leadership's desire to cooperate "in all fields."

Israel

Murphy Remarks — Israel has protested Middle East envoy Richard Murphy's remark that the Syrian presence in Lebanon is legitimate whereas the Israeli presence is the result of an invasion, Jerusalem radio announced.

Bus Hijack Inquiry — Defense Minister Moshe Arens appointed a commission of inquiry to investigate the deaths of two "terrorists" taken off a bus which was hijacked recently in Gaza, the Israeli newspaper *HADASHOT* announced. The commission's findings will be published after they have been submitted to the Defense Ministry, the paper added.

Egypt

Israel has violated the letter and spirit of the peace agreement, and Israeli policies are the cause of the "cold peace" between Egypt and Israel, Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali asserted in an interview with Egyptian television reported by MENA. Israel must give up its objectives of annexing the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and of stepping up settlements and abandon its position on Jerusalem before a comprehensive solution of the Middle East problem is possible, 'Ali said. He said the Egyptian-Israeli treaty does not restrict Egypt's freedom of movement or its principles and also that Egypt has no objection to a dialogue with Syria, despite differences in the two countries' strategies.

PLO Affairs

The next meeting of the Palestinian factions will take place on 10 May, the Jordanian newspaper *AD-DUSTUR* reported citing "informed Palestinian sources." An "information media source" in the DFLP and the PFLP disclosed that the dialogue with the Fatah Central Committee will resume "next week," QNA reported. The source indicated that the next meeting will be important because a number of "executive resolutions" will be adopted to resolve the current Palestinian crisis and map out the future of the PLO and its institutions.

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